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The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m.

Agenda item 53: Sustainable development (*continued*)

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (*continued*) (A/C.2/61/L.23 and A/C.2/61/L.27)

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Draft resolutions on the oil slick on Lebanese shores; implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development; recognition of the Caribbean Sea as a special area in the context of sustainable development; international strategy for disaster reduction; international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon; natural disasters and vulnerability; protection of global climate for future generations of mankind; implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa; international year of biodiversity, 2010; and Convention on Biological Diversity

1. **Mr. Le Roux** (South Africa), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced draft resolutions A/C.2/61/L.23, A/C.2/61/L.24, A/C.2/61/L.25, A/C.2/61/L.26, A/C.2/61/L.27, A/C.2/61/L.28, A/C.2/61/L.29, A/C.2/61/L.30, A/C.2/61/L.31 and A/C.2/61/L.33. Since all the draft resolutions on sustainable development were extremely important, it was to be hoped that the related informal consultations would be completed in an expeditious manner.

2. **Mr. Fonseca** (Brazil), Vice-Chairman, said that Israel and Japan had joined the list of sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.29.

Agenda item 58: Operational activities for development: Operational activities for development of the United Nations system (*continued*) (A/C.2/61/L.32)

Draft resolution on the commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Children's Fund

3. **Mr. Gerus** (Belarus) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.32, which was intended as a tribute to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the world's most prominent and powerful defender and supporter of children and their rights. A special commemorative meeting of the General Assembly would be held in December 2006 as a further token of acknowledgement and respect for UNICEF, for which no amount of praise, encouragement or admiration could ever be sufficient.

Agenda item 50: Information and communication technologies for development (*continued*) (A/61/94 and Add.1 and A/61/254; A/C.2/61/CRP.2)

4. **The Chairperson** introduced conference room paper A/C.2/61/CRP.2 on policies of United Nations system organizations towards the use of open source software for development. The paper contained the response of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) to the Secretary-General's report on information and communication technologies for development: progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 57/295 (document A/61/254), and to the comments of the Secretary-General and of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of JIU (JIU/REP/2005/7 and Corr.1), contained in documents A/61/94 and Add.1. The three documents had been introduced to the Committee at its

12th meeting. She took it that the Committee wished to take note of the JIU conference room paper.

5. *It was so decided.*

Agenda item 55: Globalization and interdependence (*continued*)

(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (*continued*) (A/C.2/61/L.11/Rev.1)

Draft resolution on integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

6. **Mr. Gerus** (Belarus) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.11/Rev.1, which contained a very comprehensive and balanced text.

7. **Ms. Mammadova** (Azerbaijan) said that Belgium, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Mongolia, Serbia, Slovenia, Turkey and Uzbekistan had joined the list of sponsors of the draft resolution.

8. **The Chairperson** announced that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications, and that Chile, Israel and Moldova also wished to join the list of co-sponsors.

9. *Draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.11/Rev.1 was adopted.*

10. **Mr. Koudelka** (Czech Republic), speaking also on behalf of Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, recalled that the first General Assembly resolution on countries with economies in transition had been adopted in 1992. Over the intervening 14 years, the nine countries in question had successfully transformed themselves from centrally planned economies into market-oriented economies, and should therefore no longer be considered as countries with economies in transition. All nine countries would continue to support the remaining countries with economies in transition in their efforts to integrate into the world economy.

Agenda item 69: Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (*continued*)

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions (*continued*) (A/C.2/61/L.9/Rev.1)

Draft resolution on humanitarian assistance and reconstruction of Liberia

11. **Mr. Sele** (Liberia), introducing draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.9/Rev.1, said that Bangladesh, Cape Verde, Croatia, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Netherlands, Norway and Sierra Leone had joined the list of sponsors.

12. **The Chairperson** announced that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications, and that Afghanistan, Angola, Brazil, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cuba, Guyana, Iceland, Portugal, South Africa, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe also wished to join the list of sponsors.*

13. *Draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.9/Rev.1 was adopted.*

(c) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development (*continued*) (A/C.2/61/L.4/Rev.1)

Draft resolution on participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development

14. **Mr. Ainchil** (Argentina) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.4/Rev.1. The sponsors of the text were Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Austria, Barbados, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Finland, Georgia, Guatemala, Guyana, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Liberia, Luxembourg, Mexico, Monaco, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, the Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, South Africa, Turkey, Ukraine, Uruguay and Viet Nam.

15. **The Chairperson** announced that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications, and that Afghanistan, Cape Verde, Ghana, Grenada, Iceland, India, Nigeria, Pakistan, Portugal, Senegal, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Timor-Leste and the United Republic of Tanzania wished to join the list of sponsors.

16. *Draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.4/Rev.1 was adopted.*

The meeting rose at 3.45 p.m.

* The delegation of Mali subsequently informed the Committee that it had intended to become a sponsor of the draft resolution.